

Secure Commonwealth Panel Sub Panel Reorganization

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REORGANIZATION

In an effort to consolidate and improve information sharing and awareness, the Governor's Office of Commonwealth Preparedness is initiating a restructuring of the Secure Commonwealth Panel (SCP) Sub Panels. This reorganization will promote collaboration between Secure Commonwealth Panel members across areas of interest and help to avoid the 'stove-piping' of preparedness efforts across the Commonwealth. This includes implementation strategies set forth by the SCP and implemented by the Commonwealth Preparedness Working Group (CPWG) at the state agency level.

In the past these seven Sub Panels included: Health and Medical, Sheltering/Evacuation, Business & Industry, First Responder, Critical Infrastructure Protection, Information Sharing, and Outreach.

The following outlines this consolidation effort.

Sub Panel 1

Health & Medical

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Areas of Interest: Health and Medical

Purpose: Conduct activities so that the Commonwealth will be enabled to prevent, detect, report, investigate, control and recover from natural or man caused infectious disease outbreaks.

Objectives:

- Identify and advocate for appropriate resources for epidemiologic surveillance and investigation to ensure capability to detect and respond to disease risks.
- Ensure that the Commonwealth continues to serve as a resource for its citizens by monitoring and distributing current information about diseases that may threaten their health on all appropriate venues including public web sites. Ensure that the Commonwealth provides appropriate resources and plans for: Mass therapeutics distribution, Strategic National Stockpile use and maintenance, medical mass casualty surge capability, and health care self- medical mass casualty surge capability, and health care self-sufficiency for a minimum of 72 hours.

Sub Panel 2

*Sheltering/Evacuation
Business and Industry
First Responder*

Sub Panel 3

*Critical Infrastructure
Information Sharing
Outreach*

SUB PANEL 2

Areas of Interest: *Sheltering/Evacuation, Business & Industry, First Responder*

Purpose: Ensure that initiatives involving Sheltering/Evacuation, Business & Industry, and First Responder initiatives are coordinated amongst appropriate Federal, State, and local entities for more robust preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation capabilities across the Commonwealth and its citizens.

Objectives:

- Ensure that First responders within the Commonwealth, both government and private, will be trained and equipped to respond to natural disasters and terrorist attacks using nationally accepted emergency management and response standards.
- Ensure that business within the Commonwealth have the requisite information, training, tools and established public-private partnerships to prepare for, mitigate respond to and recover from the effects of man caused or natural disasters.
- Ensure that the sheltering and evacuation needs of the citizens of the Commonwealth are met with appropriate levels of planning and response resulting from a coordinated effort between appropriate Federal, State, and local entities



SUB PANEL 3

Areas of Interest: Critical Infrastructure, Information Sharing, Outreach

Purpose: Ensure that initiatives involving critical infrastructure and key resource protection and resiliency, information sharing, and outreach are coordinated amongst appropriate Federal, State, and local entities to ensure that resources are most efficiently applied for a more resilient and aware Commonwealth and its citizens.

Objectives:

- Ensure a safer, more secure, and more resilient Virginia by enhancing the protection of the Commonwealth's Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources (CIKR) to prevent, deter, neutralize or mitigate the effects of natural or man caused events in conformance with the *National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP)* and *Virginia Critical Infrastructure Protection and Resiliency Strategic Plan*.
- Promote and facilitate the sharing of information pertinent to safety and protection of the Commonwealth and its citizens by ensuring that information is shared amongst appropriate Federal, State, local, and private sector entities, both vertically and horizontally.
- Conduct activities so that citizens of the Commonwealth are informed of preparedness efforts; are provided the opportunity to provide input to first responders, private leaders, and public policy decision makers; and receive information on self preparedness.

Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources Sectors



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